

# **2 Minute Form**

**Trip Name:**

**Check-in Name and Phone:**

**Date:** **Branch:**

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| **Leaders** |  | | | |  | |
| **Cell Phone Number** |  | | | |  | |
| **VHF** Call Sign &/or Vessel Name |  | | | |  | |
| **Vehicle** make, model, registration, colour |  | |  | |  |  |
| **General Plan**  *Note: If plan changes, you must notify your Check-in person.* |  | | | | | |
| **Latest Time Off the Water** |  |  | | | TMP/ AMP used20 |  |
| **Tide/ Forecast Lake Level** | Low |  | | High | Other |  |
| **Communications Carried**21 |  | | | | | |
| **Communications** | We will be communicating as a group on VHF Channel \_\_\_\_\_ | | | | | |
| **Equipment Carried** |  | | | | | |
| **Trip Report**  (Use other side if more space required) |  | | | | | |

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| Activity | St Heliers to Motuihe | Centre | Auckland | Location | | | Hauraki Gulf | | Difficulty1 | | | Intermediate, or strong beginner if conditions are good. | |
| Activity Description | Meet at the boat ramp in the middle of St Heliers Beach. Paddle over to Motuihe, stopping in at Brown’s Island if you choose. Continue to the northern end of Motuihe and you can land at the jetty, or continue around to Ocean Beach. Return. Optional extra is to continue around Motuihe clockwise. | | | | Leader qualification req.2 | | Trip leader | |  | | |  | |
| Get in Location | St Heliers | | | | Chart/ Map no.4 | | 532 | | Distance | | | 20-25km | |
| Get out Location | Motuihe | | | | Coastguard Channel | | 82 & 16 | | Nowcasting | | | 21 | |
| Emergency get out 5 | Brown’s Island | | | | Emergency / Coastguard Station | | Auckland | | Phone | | | \*500  09 303 4303 | |
| Drinking Water6 | Motuihe -water should be boiled or treated | | Toilets7 | | | Flush toilets at St Heliers and Motuihe. Toilet paper provided | | | |
| Emergency Response | Refer Emergency Response Booklet | | | |  |  | | Parking8 | | | Street parking at St Heliers | | | |
| Specific Equipment Required9 | Usual kayak safety gear. This is an open water crossing so be as visible as possible with flags etc | | | | Working Communications equipment in this area10 | Cell phone  Sat phone | | | | Mountain Radio | | | PLB  VHF | |
| Other resources  and notes11 | Note that Motuihe is pest free – please your boat and gear for rats, mice, Argentine ants, Rainbow skinks, soil and seeds.  The islandis a popular site for shore birds including the endangeredNZ dotterel and the variable oystercatcher. | | | | Weather Parameters12 | **Beginner:** no significant surf or swell, wind under 15 knots. **Intermediate:** surf or ocean swells less than 1.5 metres or wind under 25 knots. **Advanced:** any condition that’s suitable for the trip’s aims. | | | | | | | | |
| Previous incidents13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| **Safety Management**14 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hazard | | Significant? | | Management Strategy15 | | | | Hazard | Significant? | Management Strategy15 | | |
| Cold Water | | Yes | | Carry spare dry clothes and shelter | | | | Deep Water | Yes | Correctly fit PFDs | | |
| Medical Conditions | | Yes | | 1. Leader has first aid qualification 2. Ask customers about medical conditions | | | | Bad Weather | Yes | Understand weather forecasts.  Have back up plans or pull out if necessary | | |
| Capsizing | | Yes | | * Correctly fit Pfds * Skills at performing rescues. | | | | Heat / Sun | Yes | * Protective Clothing (worn) * Sun Screen * Plenty of drinks * Sunglasses | | |
| Panic | | Yes | | Ensure conditions match level  of skills | | | | Obstacles | Ye s | Awareness of reefs, navigational hazards, nets | | |
| Other Hazards | | yes | | * Crossing open water – stay as a group, be as visible as possible with flags, hi-viz clothing etc. Look out for boat traffic, including ferries that pass between St Heliers and Brown’s Island. * Some conditions can make the channel get very choppy – ensure that the group are experienced enough to manage the conditions on the day. * Note information on strong tidal flow – details below. * Low tide at St Heliers – the tide here goes out a long way – take trolley or strong people for carrying if you are going to be landing or launching near low tide. * Fishermen – there are often fishermen on the rocks at the end of St Heliers Point – stay clear. * Nudist beach at the end of St Heliers Point – those easily offended should avert eyes. * As you round the NE end of Motuihe there is a reef that is partially covered depending on the tide, and swells can be breaking over it. Less experienced paddlers should go right around the reef rather than cutting through it. | | | | Other Vessels | Yes | * Understand the “rules of the sea” * “Be seen” – Have two of the following; flag, brightly coloured kayak, brightly coloured Pfd or hat. At night: an all round white light & a powerful torch. | | |
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When approaching Motuihe take care if the tide is going out. At the northern end of the island the outgoing tide can create quite a strong tidal flow especially in the region of the large rock. Aim off towards the jetty and then paddle along the shore rather than approach the end directly. The water can get choppy and the flow can easily pull you in before you are aware of it happening.

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| **Additional Information Sheet** (Optional) | | | | | | |
| Introduction (A general introduction) | |  | | | | |
| Description (A description of the tour – as if you were selling the idea to someone) | |  | | | | |
| **Local Attractions** | | **Transport/ Local Operators** |  | | | |
|  | Contact details |  | Contact details | | | |
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| **Local Eateries** | |  |  | | | |
| Village Coop | 8 Maheke St, St Heliers (just off the main street) | This is a tiny café which sells the best home-made ice-cream, and very nice coffee. At the end of the trip, sit on the beach and indulge – you’ve earned it. |  | | | |
| **Accommodation/ Campsite Locations** | | | **Facilities** | | | |
| Name | DOC campsite | | Cabins | No | Fuel | No |
| Phone |  | | Showers | No | Power | No |
| E-mail |  | | Toilets | Yes | Water Access | Yes |
| Website | http://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-stay/conservation-campsites-by-region/auckland/hauraki-gulf-islands-area/motuihe-island/ | | Laundry | No | Pool | No |
| Physical Address |  | | Water | Yes | Fires Allowed | No |
| Other |  | | Supplies | no |  |  |

